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Reaching for the Sky Moshe Safdie 2013-09-10 "Marina Bay Sands, a \$5 billion, high-density, mixed-use integrated resort that brings together a 2560 room hotel, convention center, shopping and dining, theaters, museum, and a casino across the water from Singapore's Central Business District, opened to the public on June 23, 2010. Designed by Boston-based, internationally renowned architect Moshe Safdie for the Las Vegas Sands Corporation, the 929,000 meter (10 million square-foot) urban district anchors the Singapore waterfront, creates a gateway to Singapore, and provides a dynamic setting for a vibrant public life. This new urban place integrates the waterfront promenade, a 74,000 square meter (800,000 square-foot), multi level arcade, and the iconic Museum of Art Science on the promontory. Located along the network of public paths are also two theaters with a combined 4000 seats, a casino, a 9000 square meter (96,000 square-foot) convention center, and a hydraulically adjustable public event plaza of 5000 square meters (54,000 square-foot). Combining indoor and outdoor spaces and providing a platform for a wide array of activities, this vibrant, 21st century cardo maximus, or grand arcade, also connects to the subway and other transportation"--Provided by publisher.

A Short Course in Intellectual Self Defense Normand Baillargeon 2011-01-04 What is the relationship between democracy and critical thinking? What must a citizen in a democracy know to make the word democracy meaningful? In *A Short Course in Intellectual Self-Defense*, historian and educator Normand Baillargeon provides readers with the tools to see through the spin and jargon of everyday politics and news reporting in order to decide for themselves what is at stake and how to ask the necessary questions to protect themselves from the manipulations of the government and the media. Whether the issue be the call to what we're told will be a bloodless war, the "debate" around Intelligent Design, or the meaning of a military expenditure, Baillargeon teaches readers to evaluate information and sort fact from official and media spin.

Lean and Mean Process Improvement Walter W. Mcintyre 2009-09-24 *Lean and Mean Process Improvement* is a straight forward presentation of the tools of process improvement. It touches on market analysis, team building, easy to use graphical tools and easy to understand explanations of statistical tools. This approach is not by accident. Process improvement has too long been focused on corporate wide roll-outs and "quality programs". That approach to improving business performance is based more upon words than deeds, more upon supervision than leadership. *Lean and Mean Process Improvement* is written to be used by people at the cubicle and office level. This bottom-up approach will

help senior management to understand processes "out on the floor" and how they impact the customer chain all the way to the end user. The author wants one very important concept to evolve from this book. Process improvement can and should be fun and satisfying. So let's get started! Note from the author. I have been involved in process improvement for over 15 years. My experience gives me a unique perspective on how to import process improvement into an organization's culture in a way that will stick. This book is designed to help the individual improve their margin at the office, cubicle, and departmental level. As we all know, these are the locations where the rubber meets the road. Good luck and have fun.

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Tourism Management Stephen Page 2011-01-03 *Tourism Management: managing for change* is a complete synthesis of tourism, from its beginnings through to the major impacts it has on today's global community, the environment and economy. Provocative and stimulating, it challenges the conventional thinking and generates reflection, thought and debate. This bestselling book is now in its third edition and has been fully revised and updated to include complete set of brand new case studies, a new four colour page design to enhance learning and improved online companion resources packed with must have information to assist in learning and teaching. *Tourism Management* covers the fundamentals of tourism, introducing the following key concepts: * The development of tourism * Tourism supply and demand * Sectors involved: transport, accommodation, government * The future of tourism: including forecasting and future issues affecting the global nature of tourism In a user-friendly, handbook style, each chapter covers the

material required for at least one lecture within a degree level course. Written in a jargon-free and engaging style, this is the ultimate student-friendly text, and a vital introduction to this exciting, ever-changing area of study. The text is also accompanied by a companion website packed with extra resources for both students and lecturers, including learning outcomes for each chapter, multiple choice questions, links to sample chapters of related titles and journal articles for further reading, as well as downloadable PowerPoint materials and illustrations from the text. Accredited lecturers can request access to download additional material by going to <http://textbooks.elsevier.com> to request access.

The Boy Detective Roger Rosenblatt 2013-11-05 The Washington Post hailed Roger Rosenblatt's *Making Toast* as "a textbook on what constitutes perfect writing," and People lauded *Kayak Morning* as "intimate, expansive and profoundly moving." Classic tales of love and grief, the New York Times bestselling memoirs are also original literary works that carve out new territory at the intersection of poetry and prose. Now comes *The Boy Detective*, a story of the author's childhood in New York City, suffused with the same mixture of acute observation and bracing humor, lyricism and wit. Resisting the deadening silence of his family home in the elegant yet stiflingly safe neighborhood of Gramercy Park, nine-year-old Roger imagines himself a private eye in pursuit of criminals. With the dreamlike mystery of the city before him, he sets off alone, out into the streets of Manhattan, thrilling to a life of unsolved cases. Six decades later, Rosenblatt finds himself again patrolling the territory of his youth: The writing class he teaches has just wrapped up, releasing him into the winter night and the very neighborhood in which he grew up. A grown man now, he investigates his own life and the life of the city as he walks, exploring the New York of the 1950s; the lives of the writers who walked these streets before him, such as Poe and Melville; the great detectives of fiction and the essence of detective work; and the monuments of his childhood, such as the New York Public Library, once the site of an immense reservoir that nourished the city with water before it nourished it with books, and the Empire State Building, which, in Rosenblatt's imagination, vibrates sympathetically with the oversize loneliness of King Kong: "If you must fall, fall from me." As he walks, he is returned to himself, the boy detective on the case. Just as Rosenblatt invented a world for himself as a child, he creates one on this night—the writer a detective still, the chief suspect in the case of his own life, a case that discloses the shared mysteries of all our lives. A masterly evocation of the city and a meditation on memory as an act of faith, *The Boy Detective* treads the line between a novel and a poem, displaying a world at once dangerous and beautiful.

My Inner Sky Mari Andrew 2021-04-13 'This book is a reminder that healing is humbling, that resilience is beautiful, that there is joy in choosing yourself' - Aminatou Sow 'A timely and modern prompt to allow, even celebrate, the full spectrum of emotion and experience into our lives, the pain, the splendour, and the many, many nuances in between.' - Zoe Foster Blake A whole, beautiful life is only made possible by the wide spectrum of feelings that exist between joy and sorrow. In this insightful and warm book, writer and illustrator Mari Andrew explores all the emotions that make up a life, in the process offering insights about trauma and healing, the meaning of home and the challenges of loneliness, finding love in the most unexpected of places—from birds nesting on a sculpture to a ride on the subway—and a resounding case for why sometimes you have to put yourself in the path of magic. *My Inner Sky* empowers us to transform everything that's happened to us into something meaningful, reassurance that even in

our darkest times, there's light and beauty to be found. **More Than Human** Ramez Naam 2010-08 Originally published: New York: Broadway Books, 2005.

Embrace Fearlessly the Burning World Barry Lopez 2022-05-31 NEW YORK TIMES EDITORS' CHOICE • A "lyrical" (Chicago Tribune) final work of nonfiction from the National Book Award-winning author of *Arctic Dreams* and *Horizon*, a literary icon whose writing, fieldwork, and mentorship inspired generations of writers and activists. "Mesmerizing . . . a master observer . . . whose insight and moral clarity have earned comparisons to Henry David Thoreau."—The Wall Street Journal ONE OF THE MOST ANTICIPATED BOOKS OF 2022—Lit Hub, BookPage An ardent steward of the land, fearless traveler, and unrivaled observer of nature and culture, Barry Lopez died after a long illness on Christmas Day 2020. The previous summer, a wildfire had consumed much of what was dear to him in his home place and the community around it—a tragic reminder of the climate change of which he'd long warned. At once a *cri de coeur* and a memoir of both pain and wonder, this remarkable collection of essays adds indelibly to Lopez's legacy, and includes previously unpublished works, some written in the months before his death. They unspool memories both personal and political, among them tender, sometimes painful stories of his childhood in New York City and California, reports from expeditions to study animals and sea life, recollections of travels to Antarctica and other extraordinary places on earth, and meditations on finding oneself amid vast, dramatic landscapes. He reflects on those who taught him, including Indigenous elders and scientific mentors who sharpened his eye for the natural world. We witness poignant returns from his travels to the sanctuary of his Oregon backyard, adjacent to the McKenzie River. And in prose of searing candor, he reckons with the cycle of life, including his own, and—as he has done throughout his career—with the dangers the earth and its people are facing. With an introduction by Rebecca Solnit that speaks to Lopez's keen attention to the world, including its spiritual dimensions, *Embrace Fearlessly the Burning World* opens our minds and souls to the importance of being wholly present for the beauty and complexity of life. "This posthumously published collection of essays by nature writer Barry Lopez reveals an exceptional life and mind . . . While certainly a testament to his legacy and an ephemeral reprieve from his death in 2020, this book is more than a memorial: it offers a clear-eyed praxis of hope in what Lopez calls this 'Era of Emergencies.'"—Scientific American

Embracing the Wide Sky Daniel Tammet 2009-12-29 A tour of brain science and the latest understandings about the human mind explores the disparity between the brain's seemingly endless capacity and its tendency to fail at even simple tasks, in an account by a famous autistic savant that incorporates elements of his own story. Reprint.

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Embracing the Wide Sky Daniel Tammet 2009-01-06 Owner of "the most remarkable mind on the planet," (according to Entertainment Weekly) Daniel Tammet captivated readers and won worldwide critical acclaim with the 2007 New York Times bestselling memoir, *Born On A Blue Day*, and its vivid depiction of a life with autistic savant syndrome. In his fascinating new book, he writes with characteristic clarity and personal awareness as he sheds light on the mysteries of savants' incredible mental abilities, and our own. Tammet explains that the differences between savant and non-savant minds have been exaggerated; his astonishing capacities in memory, math and language are neither due to a cerebral supercomputer nor any genetic quirk, but are rather the results of a highly rich and complex associative form of thinking and imagination. Autistic thought, he argues, is an extreme variation of a kind that we all do, from daydreaming to the use of puns and metaphors. *Embracing the Wide Sky* combines meticulous scientific research with Tammet's detailed descriptions of how his mind works to demonstrate the immense potential within us all. He explains how our natural intuitions can help us to learn a foreign language, why his memories are like symphonies, and what numbers and giraffes have in common. We also discover why there is more to intelligence than IQ, how optical illusions fool our brains, and why too much information can make you dumb. Many readers will be particularly intrigued by Tammet's original ideas concerning the genesis of genius and exceptional creativity. He illustrates his arguments with examples as diverse as the private languages of twins, the compositions of poets with autism, and the breakthroughs, and breakdowns, of some of history's greatest minds. *Embracing the Wide Sky* is a unique and brilliantly imaginative portrait of how we think, learn, remember and create, brimming with personal insights and anecdotes, and explanations of the most up-to-date, mind-bending discoveries from fields ranging from neuroscience to psychology and linguistics. This is a profound and provocative book that will transform our understanding and respect for every kind of mind.

Of Water and Sky Disa Dawn 2017-06-20 Awaken one...awaken them all. *Insomniac* Piper Laurel focuses on the simple things, the feel-good things. She likes her coffee black, her wine cheap, and her men gone by morning. But when her last living relative dies, she must confront the feel-bad things. She's the last Laurel, she's almost thirty, and she's completely alone. When she returns to her sleepy seaside hometown, her ex is still as yummy as ever, and a familiar-seeming stranger is also there to tug at her heartstrings. But a love triangle isn't the only thing waiting for her. The immortal Anik has spent centuries plotting to claim the last Laurel--and a lot of innocent souls in the bargain. To survive Anik and the Realm Wars, Piper must forget her version of reality and awaken to her destiny as a Seekin, Guardian of Souls. With two men vying for her heart and hellhounds on her heels, Piper must decide who she trusts and who she loves while embracing her destiny with her eyes wide open.

Do Good Anne Bahr Thompson 2017-11-30 Increasingly today, in every age group, consumers are committing to brands that show good citizenship--from fair employment practices, to social responsibility, to charitable giving. In fact, support of these generous and socially aware companies is so high that it is safe to say that good works and charitable giving are no longer optional for the company that aspires for financial success--they are necessary! *Do Good* documents the sea of change that has impacted the twenty-first-century marketplace more than even the most optimistic of business forecasters. Toms grew into a \$600 million company by giving away 35

million pair of shoes. Patagonia's profits have climbed year after year even as it funnels heavy investments into sustainability. From CVS's destocking cigarettes to Chipotle's ethical sourcing, customers have shown with their wallets the types of businesses they will support and that they will quickly call out negligence. Buyers today demand more than half-hearted pledges from companies who are clearly just trying to show less profits and decrease their taxes. By implementing the five-step model for the new rules of business laid out in *Do Good--Trust, Enrichment, Responsibility, Community, and Contribution--* companies can take the necessary steps to embed social consciousness into their DNA, in turn capturing both markets and hearts.

Born On A Blue Day Daniel Tammet 2007-01-09 A journey into one of the most fascinating minds alive today--guided by the owner himself. Bestselling author Daniel Tammet (*Thinking in Numbers*) is virtually unique among people who have severe autistic disorders in that he is capable of living a fully independent life and able to explain what is happening inside his head. He sees numbers as shapes, colors, and textures, and he can perform extraordinary calculations in his head. He can learn to speak new languages fluently, from scratch, in a week. In 2004, he memorized and recited more than 22,000 digits of pi, setting a record. He has savant syndrome, an extremely rare condition that gives him the most unimaginable mental powers, much like those portrayed by Dustin Hoffman in the film *Rain Man*. Fascinating and inspiring, *Born on a Blue Day* explores what it's like to be special and gives us an insight into what makes us all human--our minds.

My Inner Sky Mari Andrew 2021-03-02 From New York Times bestselling author Mari Andrew, a collection of essays and illustrations, divided into phases of the sky--twilight, golden hour, night, and dawn--that serves as a loyal companion for life's curveballs. A whole, beautiful life is only made possible by the wide spectrum of feelings that exist between joy and sorrow. In this insightful and warm book, writer and illustrator Mari Andrew explores all the emotions that make up a life, in the process offering insights about trauma and healing, the meaning of home and the challenges of loneliness, finding love in the most unexpected of places--from birds nesting on a sculpture to a ride on the subway--and a resounding case for why sometimes you have to put yourself in the path of magic. *My Inner Sky* empowers us to transform everything that's happened to us into something meaningful, reassurance that even in our darkest times, there's light and beauty to be found.

Embracing Defeat John W Dower 2000-07-04 This study of modern Japan traces the impact of defeat and reconstruction on every aspect of Japan's national life. It examines the economic resurgence as well as how the nation as a whole reacted to defeat and the end of a suicidal nationalism.

How to Be 'Normal' Daniel Tammet 2020-09-10 An eye-opening short book by the international bestselling writer of *Born on a Blue Day* and *Thinking in Numbers*. Have you ever wondered how neurotypicals - so called 'normal' people - come across to those who are on the autistic spectrum? What would an instruction manual about being an average human being look like to them? And actually, would it be that different, fundamentally, to a field guide about autistic people (were such a thing to exist)? Daniel Tammet is an essayist, poet, novelist and translator. In 2004, he was diagnosed with high-functioning autistic savant syndrome. In this eye-opening and fascinating book, he takes readers on a tour around nightclubs, ponders the significance of tattoos, delves into anti-age creams and puzzles over playing the lottery, all from the perspective of someone who approaches everything in life from a unique angle. After all, this is a man for whom Wednesdays are always blue, who sees numbers as shapes and who learned

conversational Icelandic from scratch in seven days. These short essays come together in a beautifully written, sometimes humorous but always refreshing narrative that focuses on the eccentricities of modern life as seen through the eyes of someone always on the outside. Rather wonderfully, it illustrates the eccentricity inherent in every kind of mind, reminding us of the little-noticed strangeness of our common humanity, while subtly questioning what it means to be thought 'normal'.

Quiet Magic Sam Cook 2002-08 Step outside and marvel at the grand experience of the North -- the power of a storm building on the greatest of the Great Lakes, the glory of Northern Lights in the shimmering night sky, the embracing, absolute silence of a snowhouse. Or stay inside with Quiet Magic and savor Sam Cook's unique blend of sensitive portrayals and gentle humor. Starting with his description of one of nature's wonders -- the simplicity of a stand of reeds against a wide-open sunset -- and ending with a deep appreciation for the never-ending surprises of the outdoors, Cook weaves a tapestry of enchanting images of the North Woods and keeps you smiling and chuckling all the way. In this long-awaited paperback edition, Sam Cook invites you to look outward to discover the North Country and look inward to discover yourself.

Brain Bugs: How the Brain's Flaws Shape Our Lives Dean Buonomano 2011-07-11 "Excellent. . . . [Buonomano] reveals the intricate limitations and blessings of the most complex device in the known universe."--The Atlantic The human brain may be the best piece of technology ever created, but it's far from perfect. Drawing on colorful examples and surprising research, neuroscientist Dean Buonomano exposes the blind spots and weaknesses that beset our brains and lead us to make misguided personal, professional, and financial decisions. Whether explaining why we are susceptible to advertisements or demonstrating how false memories are formed, Brain Bugs not only explains the brain's inherent flaws but also gives us the tools to counteract them.

Mind Wide Open Steven Johnson 2004-02-27 BRILLIANTLY EXPLORING TODAY'S CUTTING-EDGE BRAIN RESEARCH, MIND WIDE OPEN IS AN UNPRECEDENTED JOURNEY INTO THE ESSENCE OF HUMAN PERSONALITY, ALLOWING READERS TO UNDERSTAND THEMSELVES AND THE PEOPLE IN THEIR LIVES AS NEVER BEFORE. Using a mix of experiential reportage, personal storytelling, and fresh scientific discovery, Steven Johnson describes how the brain works -- its chemicals, structures, and subroutines -- and how these systems connect to the day-to-day realities of individual lives. For a hundred years, he says, many of us have assumed that the most powerful route to self-knowledge took the form of lying on a couch, talking about our childhoods. The possibility entertained in this book is that you can follow another path, in which learning about the brain's mechanics can widen one's self-awareness as powerfully as any therapy or meditation or drug. In Mind Wide Open, Johnson embarks on this path as his own test subject, participating in a battery of attention tests, learning to control video games by altering his brain waves, scanning his own brain with a \$2 million fMRI machine, all in search of a modern answer to the oldest of questions: who am I? Along the way, Johnson explores how we "read" other people, how the brain processes frightening events (and how we might rid ourselves of the scars those memories leave), what the neurochemistry is behind love and sex, what it means that our brains are teeming with powerful chemicals closely related to recreational drugs, why music moves us to tears, and where our breakthrough ideas come from. Johnson's clear, engaging explanation of the physical functions of the brain reveals not only the broad strokes of our aptitudes and fears, our skills and weaknesses and desires, but also the momentary brain phenomena that a whole human life comprises. Why, when hearing a tale of

woe, do we sometimes smile inappropriately, even if we don't want to? Why are some of us so bad at remembering phone numbers but brilliant at recognizing faces? Why does depression make us feel stupid? To read Mind Wide Open is to rethink family histories, individual fates, and the very nature of the self, and to see that brain science is now personally transformative -- a valuable tool for better relationships and better living.

Islands of Genius Darold A. Treffert 2011-10-12 In this fascinating book, Dr. Treffert looks at what we know about savant syndrome, and at new discoveries that raise interesting questions about the hidden brain potential within us all. He looks both at how savant skills can be nurtured, and how they can help the person who has them, particularly if that person is on the autism spectrum.

Like the Moon Loves the Sky Hena Khan 2020-03-10 A lyrical and heartwarming celebration of a mother's love for her children by the award-winning author of Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns. In this moving picture book, author Hena Khan shares her wishes for her children:

"Inshallah you find wonder in birds as they fly. Inshallah you are loved, like the moon loves the sky."

With vibrant illustrations and prose inspired by the Quran, this charming picture book is a heartfelt and universal celebration of a parent's unconditional love.

- A reassuring bedtime read-aloud for mothers and their children.
- A perfect book for sharing Muslim family traditions and for families teaching diversity and religious acceptance.
- Hena Khan's books have been widely acclaimed, winning awards and honors from the ALA, Parent's Choice, and many others. For families who have read and loved Under My Hijab, Yo Soy Muslim, and Mommy's Khimar. A sweet and lovely bedtime book to help let children know they are loved and precious.
- Bedtime books for ages 3-5
- Mother's Day gift
- Islamic children's books

Hena Khan is the author of Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns, Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets, Night of the Moon, and many other books for children. She lives in Rockville, Maryland. Saffa Khan is an illustrator and printmaker born in Dera Ismail Khan, Pakistan, and living in Glasgow, Scotland.

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Disability Visibility Alice Wong 2020-06-30 "Disability rights activist Alice Wong brings tough conversations to the forefront of society with this anthology. It sheds light on the experience of life as an individual with disabilities, as told by none other than authors with these life experiences. It's an eye-opening collection that readers will revisit time and time again." --Chicago Tribune One in five people in the United States lives with a disability. Some disabilities are visible, others less apparent--but all are underrepresented in media and popular culture. Activist Alice Wong brings together this urgent, galvanizing collection of contemporary essays by disabled people, just in time for the thirtieth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, from Harriet McBryde Johnson's account of her debate with Peter Singer over her own personhood to original pieces by authors like Keah Brown and Haben Girma; from blog posts, manifestos, and eulogies to Congressional testimonies, and beyond: this anthology gives a glimpse into the rich complexity of the disabled experience, highlighting the passions, talents, and everyday lives of this community. It invites readers to question their own understandings. It celebrates and documents disability culture in the now. It looks to the future and the past with hope and love.

Each Little Bird That Sings Deborah Wiles 2016-02-16 Ten-year-old Comfort Snowberger has attended 247 funerals. But that's not surprising, considering that her family runs the town funeral home. And even though Great-uncle Edisto keeled over with a heart attack and Great-great-aunt Florentine dropped dead--just like that--six months later, Comfort knows how to deal with loss, or so she thinks. She's more concerned with

avoiding her crazy cousin Peach and trying to figure out why her best friend, Declaration, suddenly won't talk to her. Life is full of surprises. And the biggest one of all is learning what it takes to handle them. Deborah Wiles has created a unique, funny, and utterly real cast of characters in this heartfelt, and quintessentially Southern coming-of-age novel. Comfort will charm young readers with her wit, her warmth, and her struggles as she learns about life, loss, and ultimately, triumph.

Books for Living Will Schwalbe 2016-12-27 From the author of the beloved New York Times best-selling *The End of Your Life Book Club*, an inspiring and magical exploration of the power of books to shape our lives in an era of constant connectivity. For Will Schwalbe, reading is a way to entertain himself but also to make sense of the world, and to find the answers to life's questions big and small. In each chapter, he discusses a particular book and how it relates to concerns we all share. These books span centuries and genres—from Stuart Little to *The Girl on the Train*, from *David Copperfield* to *Wonder*, from *Giovanni's Room* to *Rebecca*, and from 1984 to *Gifts from the Sea*. Throughout, Schwalbe tells stories from his life and focuses on the way certain books can help us honor those we've loved and lost, and also figure out how to live each day more fully.

Stillness is the Key Ryan Holiday 2019-10-10 Throughout history, there has been one quality that great leaders, makers, artists and fighters have shared. The Zen Buddhists described it as inner peace, the Stoics called it ataraxia and Ryan Holiday calls it stillness: the ability to be steady, focused and calm in a constantly busy world. Drawing on a wide range of history's greatest thinkers, Holiday shows us how crucial stillness is, and how it can be cultivated in our own lives today. Just as Winston Churchill, Oprah Winfrey and baseball player Sadaharu Oh have done, we can all benefit from stillness to feed into our greater ambitions - whether building a business or simply finding happiness, peace and self-direction. Stillness is the key to the self-mastery, discipline and focus necessary to succeed in this competitive, noisy world.

Embracing Him C. Shell 2017 Sometimes the thing you try the hardest to ignore is the one thing you need the most. Jessica Grayson met CEO, Alex Harlow working at his magazine and fell head over heels. But he was everything she had learned to distrust--rich, handsome, and alpha--and when he betrayed her, she walked away. Determined to move on, she's dried her tears and trashed the ice cream cartons, ready for whatever comes her way. Alex Harlow has never met an obstacle he couldn't overcome and that includes winning back the feisty make-up artist who challenges him at every turn. Using every tool at his disposal, he manipulates the playing field to keep Jessica close until he can earn her trust, all while dealing with his wife-in-name-only. His secrets run deep, but with his heart on the line, he'll go the distance to prove his love for her is real. When outside forces step-in, Alex and Jessica must not only fight for their lives, but for the happily-ever-after they both crave.

Thinking In Numbers Daniel Tammet 2013-07-30 The irresistibly engaging book that "enlarges one's wonder at Tammet's mind and his all-embracing vision of the world as grounded in numbers" (Oliver Sacks, MD). *Thinking in Numbers* is the book that Daniel Tammet, mathematical savant and bestselling author, was born to write. In Tammet's world, numbers are beautiful and mathematics illuminates our lives and minds. Using anecdotes, everyday examples, and ruminations on history, literature, and more, Tammet allows us to share his unique insights and delight in the way numbers, fractions, and equations underpin all our lives. Inspired variously by the complexity of snowflakes, Anne Boleyn's eleven fingers, and his many siblings, Tammet explores questions such as why time seems to speed up as

we age, whether there is such a thing as an average person, and how we can make sense of those we love. His provocative and inspiring new book will change the way you think about math and fire your imagination to view the world with fresh eyes.

Chasing the Bright Side Jess Ekstrom 2019-11-05 One flicker of hope. That's all it takes to catapult yourself into the life you've always imagined. Success is not born out of skill, school, where we're from, who we know, or what we scored on the SAT. None of us were born ready. None of us started life knowing how to fly a plane or launch a company or knit a sweater for our dog. But we are born with something more important than skills. We're born with optimism—the initial seed for success. Optimism fuels the belief that you can be the one to create the good the world needs. But you've got to hone it. And practice it. And determine to live from it. In *Chasing the Bright Side*, Jess Ekstrom shares her own inspirational story of how optimism helped her overcome multiple challenges, and the dynamic ways her mind-set propelled her as a young entrepreneur, international speaker, and philanthropist. Do you have dreams for yourself and the world that are tucked away in your box of somedays? What would happen if today was the day you opened the box? And what if that box was the key to a better tomorrow? Jess's journey will inspire you embrace the power of optimism in your own life, and help you reimagine your purpose so you create good in the world while fulfilling your own dreams—right where you are.

Leveled Books (K-8) Irene C. Fountas 2006 For ten years and in two classic books, Irene Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell have described how to analyze the characteristics of texts and select just-right books to use for guided reading instruction. Now, for the first time, all of their thinking and research has been updated and brought together into *Leveled Books, K-8* to form the ultimate guide to choosing and using books from kindergarten through middle school. Fountas and Pinnell take you through every aspect of leveled books, describing how to select and use them for different purposes in your literacy program and offering prototype descriptions of fiction and nonfiction books at each level. They share advice on: the role of leveled books in reading instruction, analyzing the characteristics of fiction and nonfiction texts, using benchmark books to assess instructional levels for guided reading, selecting books for both guided and independent reading, organizing high-quality classroom libraries, acquiring books and writing proposals to fund classroom-library purchases, creating a school book room. In addition, Fountas and Pinnell explain the leveling process in detail so that you can tentatively level any appropriate book that you want to use in your instruction. Best of all, *Leveled Books, K-8* is one half of a new duo of resources that will change how you look at leveled books. Its companion-

www.FountasandPinnellLeveledBooks.com is a searchable and frequently updated website that includes more than 18,000 titles. With *Leveled Books, K-8* you'll know how and why to choose books for your readers, and with www.FountasandPinnellLeveledBooks.com, you'll have the ideal tool at your fingertips for finding appropriate books for guided reading. Book jacket.

The Chaos of Stars Kiersten White 2013-09-10 A captivating novel of first love, Egyptian mythology, and family, from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *And I Darken*. Isadora's family is seriously screwed up—which comes with the territory when you're the human daughter of the Egyptian gods Isis and Osiris. Isadora is tired of her immortal relatives and their ancient mythological drama, so when she gets the chance to move to California with her brother, she jumps on it. But her new life comes with plenty of its own dramatic—and dangerous—complications . . . Fans of Kiera Cass's

Selection series or Cynthia Hand's *Unearthly* trilogy will fall in love with this enchanting, heartfelt YA romance.

The Story of Colour Gavin Evans 2017-08-17 Why is green the colour of envy? Why is black 'evil'? Why is white pure? Why do we 'feel blue' or 'see red'? Why do colours have different meanings for different cultures? When we look at or talk about a colour in a particular setting, we are as likely to see its cultural or symbolic meaning as the shade itself. Why? Sometimes our grasp of a colour relates to the random way we define it. Light blue is called 'blue' but, over the last century or two, light red has become pink, whereas in Russia light blue and dark blue are separate colours. Does language play a part in our perception of colours? In most cases, the origins of why we view a colour in a certain way goes back hundreds, if not thousands, of years. Blue was not always a boy's colour; pink was not always a girl's. Indeed, less than one hundred years ago, in the West, it was the other way round. This book offers a lively, anecdotal treatment of the cultural mysteries of colour, and focuses on the way we respond to colours, the significance we give them - and how these things change over time and from place to place. It tells the story of how we have come to view the world through lenses passed down to us by art, science, politics, fashion, sport and, not least, prejudice.

Luminous Darkness Deborah Eden Tull 2022-09-27 A resonant call to explore the darkness in life, in nature, and in consciousness—including difficult emotions like uncertainty, grief, fear, and xenophobia—through teachings, embodied meditations, and mindful inquiry that provide us with a powerful path to healing. Darkness is deeply misunderstood in today's world; yet it offers powerful medicine, serenity, strength, healing, and regeneration. All insight, vision, creativity, and revelation arise from darkness. It is through learning to stay present and meet the dark with curiosity rather than judgment that we connect to an unwavering light within. Welcoming darkness with curiosity, rather than fear or judgment, enables us to access our innate capacity for compassion and collective healing. Dharma teacher, shamanic practitioner, and deep ecologist Deborah Eden Tull addresses the spiritual, ecological, psychological, and interpersonal ramifications of our bias towards light. Tull explores the medicine of darkness for personal and collective healing, through topics such as: *Befriending the Night: The Radiant Teachings of Darkness Honoring Our Pain for Our World* *Seeing in the Dark: The Quiet Power of Receptivity* *Dreams, Possibility, and Moral Imagination* *Releasing Fear—Embracing Emergence* Tull shows us how the labeling of darkness as “negative” becomes a collective excuse to justify avoiding everything that makes us uncomfortable: racism, spiritual bypass, environmental destruction. We can only find the radical path to wholeness by learning to embrace the interplay of both darkness and light.

Yearnings Irwin Kula 2014-07-01 Applying ancient Jewish tradition and wisdom, as well as modern-day insights, to the search for meaning, a rabbi celebrates the complexities and messiness of human experience as a source of inspiration, fulfillment, and faith.

Ungifted Scott Barry Kaufman 2013-06-04 Child prodigies. Gifted and Talented Programs. Perfect 2400s on the SAT. Sometimes it feels like the world is conspiring to make the rest of us feel inadequate. Those children tapped as possessing special abilities will go on to achieve great

things, while the rest of us have little chance of realizing our dreams. Right? In *Ungifted*, cognitive psychologist Scott Barry Kaufman—who was relegated to special education as a child—sets out to show that the way we interpret traditional metrics of intelligence is misguided. Kaufman explores the latest research in genetics and neuroscience, as well as evolutionary, developmental, social, positive, and cognitive psychology, to challenge the conventional wisdom about the childhood predictors of adult success. He reveals that there are many paths to greatness, and argues for a more holistic approach to achievement that takes into account each young person's personal goals, individual psychology, and developmental trajectory. In so doing, he increases our appreciation for the intelligence and diverse strengths of prodigies, savants, and late bloomers, as well as those with dyslexia, autism, schizophrenia, and ADHD. Combining original research, anecdotes, and a singular compassion, *Ungifted* proves that anyone—even those without readily observable gifts at any single moment in time—can become great.

Vector Vaun Murphrey 2014-12-19 Homecomings usually involve burgers, fries and apple pies but that's not on the menu for Cassandra and Silver. They're launched into assassination attempts, bar brawls, and relationship drama just in the first 24 hours. Can they protect everyone they love from all comers before it explodes in their face? Find out in *VECTOR*, Book Three of the Weaver Series.

The Wisdom of Crowds James Surowiecki 2005-08-16 In this fascinating book, New Yorker business columnist James Surowiecki explores a deceptively simple idea: Large groups of people are smarter than an elite few, no matter how brilliant—better at solving problems, fostering innovation, coming to wise decisions, even predicting the future. With boundless erudition and in delightfully clear prose, Surowiecki ranges across fields as diverse as popular culture, psychology, ant biology, behavioral economics, artificial intelligence, military history, and politics to show how this simple idea offers important lessons for how we live our lives, select our leaders, run our companies, and think about our world.

Every Word Is a Bird We Teach to Sing Daniel Tammet 2017-09-12 A mind-expanding, deeply humane tour of language by the bestselling author of *Born on a Blue Day* and *Thinking in Numbers*. Is vocabulary destiny? Why do clocks "talk" to the Nahua people of Mexico? Will A.I. researchers ever produce true human-machine dialogue? In this mesmerizing collection of essays, Daniel Tammet answers these and many other questions about the intricacy and profound power of language. In *Every Word Is a Bird We Teach to Sing*, Tammet goes back in time to London to explore the numeric language of his autistic childhood; in Iceland, he learns why the name *Blær* became a court case; in Canada, he meets one of the world's most accomplished lip readers. He chats with chatbots; contrives an "e"-less essay on lipograms; studies the grammar of the telephone; contemplates the significance of disappearing dialects; and corresponds with native Esperanto speakers - in their mother tongue. A joyous romp through the world of words, letters, stories, and meanings, *Every Word Is a Bird We Teach to Sing* explores the way communication shapes reality. From the art of translation to the lyricism of sign language, these essays display the stunning range of Tammet's literary and polyglot talents.